



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JOSE MERINO-LOPEZ, ET AL.) Examiner: Steven D. Maki
Application No.: 10/071,135) Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: February 6, 2002)
For: MEASUREMENT OF ADHERENCE)
BETWEEN A VEHICLE WHEEL AND :
THE ROADWAY) May 24, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

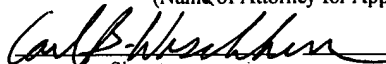
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination having been filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 8.

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